

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Harbor & Waterfront Committee, Harpswell, Maine**  
**December 15, 2015**

**Attending:**

Members: Present: Burr Taylor – Chair, Bill Saxton, Jane Jukes and Jack Dostie  
Absent: Jon Rogers  
Harbormaster: Jim Hays  
Guest: Kevin Johnson, Selectman - Harpswell

**Activities:**

- o Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm
- o The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved

**Harbormaster Report**

- o Jim Hays reported that James Crossman now has a new Point of Access. It is a temporary seasonal condition until the property owners' return.
- o There was a brief discussion regarding the number of moorings at the Goslings. Most of these moorings are non-compliant but have been there long enough to be grandfathered. Many moorings have unknown owners. It may become necessary to discontinue all existing moorings to be in accordance with the Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance. Transient mooring in that location are increasing steadily and it is unclear how often legal pump-outs are occurring.
- o Jim Hays presented the Committee with a draft of the revised mooring application. The Committee approved the changes.

**Other Committees:**

**Marine Resources**

- o Kevin Johnson reported that the MR Committee will be experimenting with 20' x 20' nets on some of the flats given the positive results reported in Phippsburg. It was also reported there is an abundance of clams in the Stover's Point area but the area is closed to harvesting due to stream runoff.

**Conservation Commission**

- o There was no report

**Mitchell Field**

- o There was no report

**Old Business:**

**Moored Floats**

- o The Committee proposed a language change to the Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance under section 5.2.6. The last line is currently incomplete – "*Float moorings shall be*". The proposed line should read "*Float moorings shall not be used for the permanent berthing of vessels.*"
- o Bill Saxton suggested that up-to-date information be collected on each boat and float with every annual renewal of the mooring permit for such vessel. Any changes from the previous year would require a review by the Harbormaster.

**New Business:**

**Individual Harbor Plans**

- o Jim Hays suggested that future discussions include the creation of harbor management plans for each individual harbor within the Town.

**Next Meeting:**

January 5, 2016 Tuesday @ 5:30 pm – Harpswell Town Office

Adjourned – 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Dostie